

**TOWN OF HAVERHILL
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2008/2009
Thursday, September 11, 2008
Town Hall – 4585 Charlotte Street
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, the Public Hearing to consider the proposed Budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year was held on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at the Town Hall, 4585 Charlotte Street. Those present were Joseph S. Kroll, Mayor; James E. Woods, Council President; Jay G. Foy, Council Vice President; Jerry E. Beavers, Council Member; Henry Lynch, Council Member; Mark Uptegraph, Council Member; Lance Fuchs, Town Attorney; Joseph Roche, Code Enforcement Officer and Janice C. Rutan, Town Clerk.

Call to Order

Council President Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He explained that there would be two meetings held, the first being the Public Hearing for setting the tentative millage rate and adopting the tentative budget, the second meeting being the regular Town Council meeting.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Woods called for a moment of silence in memory of those tragic events that had occurred on September 11, 2001. Council President Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. All members were present.

Approval of Agenda

A typographical error was brought to the attention of the Town Council. With no additions, deletions or substitutions, the agenda was ordered approved as presented.

Comments from the Public

Council President Woods invited comment from the Public as it related to the millage rate and budget. There were no public comments.

Adopt tentative millage rate

a. Fiscal Year October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009

Mayor Kroll presented the proposed budget and Staff's report. It was explained that because of the decrease in property values, the roll back rate for the Town was 4.8368. The Town Council had set the preliminary millage rate at 4.6000 mills at their July 24, 2008 meeting. The Town Council could set the tentative millage rate at 4.6000 however, once the tentative millage rate was adopted, it could not be increased at the final budget hearing. It had been the general consensus of the Town Council at the Budget Workshops to keep the millage at the current rate of 4.2952.

In response to Council Vice President Foy, the reductions in anticipated State revenues were offset by reducing certain line item expenditures and by increasing anticipated revenues to the Town.

It was explained that the total reductions in revenue resulted from \$7,000 in anticipated State revenues, and the Town would need to repay a total of \$13,000 over a five year period for monies collected over the preceding five years for Communications Services Taxes belonging to other municipalities.

A motion was then made by Council Member Uptegraph, seconded by Council Member Lynch and unanimously passed (5-0) to adopt a tentative millage rate of 4.2952 mills for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009.

Adopt tentative budget

b. Fiscal Year October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009

Mayor Kroll presented the proposed budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. **A motion was made by Council Vice President Foy, seconded by Council Member Beavers and unanimously passed (5-0) to adopt the tentative budget (\$1,018,811.00) for the fiscal year October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.**

Mayor Kroll informed the Town Council that the proposed budget before them did not contain funding for the Town Hall Lift Station. That project would be funded through monies received through the CRALLS Agreements. Should additional monies be needed to fund the project, the Town Council would need to amend the budget accordingly.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Town Council, the Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved:

September 25, 2008
Date


Janice C. Rutan, Town Clerk


James E. Woods, Council President